Statement, by caste, of appointments made by the Excise Commissioner.

177. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, with names, of members of the Excise Commissioner's office staff drawing a salary of Rs. 20 and above, both acting and permanent, at the time the present Excise Commissioner took charge of the Department with information on the following points:—

(*a*) the dates of their first entertainment in service;

(*b*) their pay at the time when the present Excise Commissioner took charge of the Department;

(*c*) the pay they are now (17-4-1930) drawing; and

(*d*) the present posts they hold?

(2) Will they be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of applications received for appointments, both permanent and acting, since the present Excise Commissioner took charge of the Department, showing also the names of those who were favoured with appointments, from among the applicants?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (1) The statement* containing the information is laid on the table.

(2) The statements† containing the information are laid on the table.

Registry of lands near the registered holdings of European planters.

178. **MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE** (*Minachil cum Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether there is any provision to the effect that *tarisu* lands near the registered holdings of European planters and other influential people should not be assigned to sons of the soil;

(*b*) whether any provision has been made to the effect that such *tarisu* lands should not be assigned without the consent of the owners of the neighbouring lands; and

(*c*) whether they are aware:

(i) of cases where applications from sons of the soil have been rejected for want of consent of the planters; and

(ii) that lands that were not assigned to sons of the soil on account of the objections of the planters have not been taken in assignment by the planters and that they continue to be waste lands?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There is no such provision. But, on the other hand, the Government have issued instructions that Travancoreans should have as much facility for taking up lands for cultivation in the Devicolam Division as in any other part of the State. Where a piece of land adjoining an estate is applied for, the proprietor of the estate is given the option of first refusal only in regard to such an extent of the land as may be found absolutely necessary either for the beneficial enjoyment of the estate or for straightening its boundaries. In other cases, the estate owner is given no preferential right.

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* *Vide* Appendix XXIII A—Pages 933-934.

† *Vide* Appendices XXIII B and XXIII C—Pages 935-939.

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[Mr. P. N. Krishna Pillai.]

(*b*) There is no special provision in respect of the registry of such lands other than those contained in Rule 11 of Part II of the Puduval Rules dated the 25th February 1923 which enjoins the issue of notices to the owners of adjoining registered lands.

(*c*) (i) It is reported that there are a few instances in which Travancoreans were refused the lands applied for by them on the grounds stated in the answer to part (*a*).

(ii) The answer is in the negative.

Road in Kilirur Kara.

179. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Are the Government aware that the road in Kilirur *kara* is washed away by the river in several portions, and, if so, what preventive action they have taken in connection with the erosions?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, if the member refers to the erosion of the Tiruvarpu road by the Kavanar river. Steps for the acquisition of land required to cut a deviation to set the river away from the road are being taken.

Transfer of Police Officers.

180. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Inspectors of Police who were transferred more than once this year (1105) and the reason for the same?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): 13, the transfers were necessitated in the interests of public service.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Kottayam*): "In the interests of public service" എന്ന മാത്രം പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നു. ഇതിൽ നിന്നും മനസ്സിലാക്കേണ്ടതു് efficiency കൊണ്ടാണെന്നോ അല്ലെങ്കിൽ efficiency ഇല്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ടാണെന്നോ ഏതു കൊണ്ടാണെന്നു മനസ്സിലാകുന്നില്ല. അതിലേക്കുള്ള കാരണം ഇന്നതാണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): പല കാരണങ്ങളും കൊണ്ടായിരിക്കാം അങ്ങനെ സ്ഥലമാറ്റം നടത്തീട്ടുള്ളതു്.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Kottayam*): ആ കാരണങ്ങൾ എന്തെല്ലാമാണെന്നു് അറിയാനാണു് ചോദിച്ചതു്.

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): അതെല്ലാം കൂടിയാണു് "in the interests of public service" എന്നു പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതു്.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Kottayam*): വിവരം എനിക്കു മനസ്സിലാകാത്തതു കൊണ്ടു ചോദിച്ചു എന്നേയൊള്ളൂ. മറുപടി തരാൻ തയാറില്ലാത്തപക്ഷം ഇരുന്നു കൊള്ളാം.

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